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Applicant: S. Blumenau, et al.  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING DATA MANAGEMENT FOR  
A STORAGE SYSTEM COUPLED TO A NETWORK

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

Applicant presents the claims as amended below and encloses two separate sheets indicating the amendments to the claims with bracketing and underlining.

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1. A data management method for managing access to a storage system by at least two devices coupled to the storage system through a network, the method comprising steps of:  
receiving over the network at the storage system a request from one of the at least two devices for access to a portion of data stored at the storage system; and

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